

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 22, 2011

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from April 15, 2011 – April 21, 2011. Readers are reminded that an "arrest" is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court's website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact MPO Bill Murray for further information at wmurray@viennava.gov)

INCIDENTS

Arrest- Drunk in Public 11-05628 Nutley Street at Knoll Street, NW April 14 10:32 p.m.

A concerned citizen alerted police to a possibly intoxicated subject that was seen staggering in the roadway.

MPO Evans located the individual and after a brief investigation arrested 43 year old Hillard Lewis of Harry Byrd Highway in Sterling, Virginia for Drunk in Public. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Injured Pedestrian 11-05645 W. and O.D. Trail near Cherry Street, SE April 15 7:00 a.m.

A citizen reported that while walking, she was struck by a passing bicyclist. The rider stopped to offer assistance and provided the woman with his contact information.

The woman declined to be treated for her minor injuries.

NOTE- this event does not meet the criteria to be considered a traffic crash. Both participants are considered pedestrians for Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles reporting purposes.

Search Warrant Execution 11-05682 200 Block Locust Street, SE April 15 11:38 p.m.

Officer Myers, along with assistance from the Fairfax County Police Tactical Team, served a search warrant at the listed address. The warrant was in relation to suspected drug activity.

This case is still being investigated.

Arrest- Driving While Intoxicated 11-056994 400 Block West Street, NW April 16 3:34 a.m.

An alert citizen called police to report a driver that they believed was impaired. Sergeant Taylor located the vehicle and observed it driving erratically.

After conducting a traffic stop and interacting with the driver Sergeant Taylor detected signs of possible impairment.

Subsequent to attempting to complete several field sobriety tests the driver, 23 year old Rebekah Jeann White of Rockspray Court in Oak Hill, Virginia was arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

Ms. White was then transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of her breath. After a successful analysis she was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center for a sample of her blood.

After providing a blood sample Ms. White was formally charged with Driving Under the Influence.

Domestic Dispute 11-05701 600 Block Gibson Drive, SW April 16 9:08 a.m.

A woman reported that when she went to pick up her child from the father's home, he harassed her at her car window.

Officer Vazquez's investigation revealed that it was a verbal disagreement and that no criminal violation had occurred.

Debit Card Fraud 11-05904 400 Block Course Street, NE April 16 12:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that she was contacted by her bank and advised about a suspicious transaction. The citizen then learned that several fraudulent debit card transactions had been made online using her card number.

This case is still being investigated.

Bank Robbery 11-05707
United Bank
226 Maple Avenue, West
April 16 12:50 p.m.
Please see summary under Media Releases below.

Domestic Dispute 11-05722 100 Block East Street, NE April 16 11:41 p.m.

A complainant reported that his ex-wife was at his front door and he did not want her to be there.

The woman left the area prior to the arrival of Officer Lyons.

Officer Lyons contacted the woman via telephone and asked her to refrain from coming on to the ex-husband's property.

Residential Intrusion Alarm 11-05746 100 Block East Street, SE April 17 6:32 a.m.

Officer Kiley responded to a residential intrusion alarm. Upon his arrival he discovered that the alarm was actually coming from a commercial dwelling.

Upon checking the exterior of the building Officer Kiley found an unsecured door. An interior search of the building yielded nothing unusual and the door was secured upon his exit.

Credit Card Fraud/ Grand Larceny 11-05775 Giant Food 359 Maple Avenue, East April 17 1:30 p.m.

A citizen reported that after shopping at Giant Food she went to check out and learned that her wallet was missing. When she contacted her credit card companies she learned that one of the cards had already been used at multiple locations to make fraudulent purchases.

This case is still being investigated.

Suspicious Event 11-05773 1100 Block Cottage Street, SW April 17 3:29 p.m.

A mother reported that there was a message on the YouTube.com site encouraging criminal activity against her daughter. The daughter is away at college and will advise the campus police regarding the incident.

Suspicious Event 11-05774 Sally's Beauty Supply 329 Maple Avenue, East April 17 3:47 p.m.

A store employee believed that a subject may have stolen some merchandise. As the subject was leaving the store, the employee confronted him. The employee then called police and the subject fled from the store.

It is unknown if any items were actually stolen as the employee did not actually see him steal anything.

Civil Dispute 11-05813 900 Block Moorefield Hill Court, SW April 18 9:34 a.m.

A landlord reported that he advised one of his renters to turn on the outside water so the house could be power washed by a third party. The renter failed to do so.

The renter, whose lease expires at the end of the month, then reported that she feels harassed by the landlord as he frequently drives by and checks on the house.

Police Service 11-05817 Advanced Pediatrics 100 East Street, SE April 18 11:19 a.m.

A concerned doctor reported that an 11 year old girl was in his office for treatment of a burn. The doctor was concerned about the manner in which the mother stated that the burn had occurred.

Fairfax County EMS responded and it was determined that the burn was in fact consistent with the story that a bowl of hot soup fell on to the girl's legs.

Fairfax County Child Protective Services was contacted and will follow up on the case.

The child was transported to an area hospital for further treatment.

Arrest- Driving While Intoxicated 11-05799 300 Block Maple Avenue, NE April 18 12:20 a.m.

MPO Shaw conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he observed signs of possible impairment.

After attempting to complete several field sobriety tests the driver, 53 year old Patricia Ann Cavil of Sydney Road in Fairfax Station, Virginia, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms. Cavil was then transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of her breath. After the analysis she was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Medical Call/ Assist EMS 11-05854 400 Block Center Street, SE April 18 10:10 p.m.

Fairfax County EMS called police regarding a woman that was making potentially harmful statements regarding her own health.

The woman was treated by Fairfax County EMS units and transported to an area hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

Attempted Residential Burglary 11-05856 500 Block Windover Avenue, NW April 18 11:02 p.m.

A resident heard noises coming from the garage area. While investigating the noises the complainant heard voices and screamed. The complainant then observed 2 men running from the house and entering a black pickup truck.

It does not appear that the men actually gained entry into the garage area.

This case is still being investigated.

Arrest- Underage Possession of Tobacco 11-05858 200 Block Maple Avenue, East April 19 1:46 a.m.

MPO Sheeran observed two juvenile males during the early morning hours. After engaging them in conversation he learned that one of the boys was unlawfully in possession of tobacco. Further investigation revealed that one of them was also in possession of a concealed BB pistol.

NOTE- Under Virginia code a BB gun does not meet the criteria to be considered a weapon in this case.

The parents for both boys were summoned and responded to take custody of their sons. One of the boys was ultimately charged with Underage Possession of Tobacco and released to his father.

Assault 11-05900 1400 Block Ross Drive, SW April 19 12:45 p.m.

A citizen reported that her roommate was attempting to attack her for failing to clean up a mess in the kitchen.

The warrant obtainment process was explained to the complainant.

Animal Case 11-05956 400 Block Creek Crossing Road, NE April 20 3:35 a.m.

MPO Lewis responded for a barking dog in the early morning hours. After locating the offending dog MPO Lewis made contact with the animal's owner and explained the issues involved.

The dog's owner reported that she forgot to bring the animal inside for the night.

Police Service 11-05960 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE April 20 6:06 a.m.

A resident reported that his vehicle was missing from the space where he believed he parked it.

Approximately 4 hours later the complainant located the vehicle in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center parking lot. He then remembered he had parked it there the prior evening.

Suspicious Event 11-05992 Shell Gas Station 545 Maple Avenue, West April 20 7:30 p.m.

An employee advised that an individual was approaching customers and soliciting money.

MPO Shaw located the individual. After identifying him and checking for outstanding warrants, he was banned from the station property. A family member responded to pick the individual up and give him a ride home.

Arrests- Unlicensed Solicitors 11-05995 200 Block Lawyers Road, NW April 20 8:57 p.m.

An alert citizen notified police regarding some unlicensed solicitors in the area.

MPO Lose located the individuals in question and after a brief investigation learned that they were unlicensed and were not allowed to solicit door to door.

Jeremy Bryan Douglas, 30, of Tune Avenue in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and Christopher James Nicely, 24, of Wain Wright Road in Oak Ridge, Tennessee were both issued summonses for the violations. They were released after signing them.

Arrest- Driving While Intoxicated 11-06011 Chain Bridge Road at Horseshoe Drive April 21 1:02 a.m.

Sergeant Taylor conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he observed signs of possible impairment.

The driver attempted to complete several field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

Sallie Carlisle Derrick, 23, of Jeffersonian Court in Vienna was then transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of her breath. She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Arrest- Drunk in Public 11-06039 300 Block Plum Street, SW April 21 3:57 p.m.

A concerned citizen notified police regarding a possibly intoxicated male subject at the listed location.

Officer Myers located the individual and after a brief investigation arrested Daniel A. Wilson, 46, of Hillcrest Drive in Vienna for Drunk in Public.

Mr. Wilson was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Reckless Handling of a Weapon 11-06053 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE April 21 10:57 p.m.

MPO Sheeran responded for an injured 13 year old male subject that had apparently been shot in the face with a BB gun.

After arriving he found that Fairfax County EMS was already on the scene and treating the victim.

MPO Sheeran's investigation revealed that two cousins, ages 13 and 10, had been playing with an "Airsoft" gun and then began chasing each other. The 10 year old female cousin grabbed a BB Rifle and inadvertently discharged it at the 13 year old male cousin. The BB struck him in the face.

The 13 year old male victim was transported to an area hospital as a precaution, but did not suffer significant injury.

This case is still being investigated.

CRASHES

100 Block Maple Avenue near Glyndon Street, SE 11-05419 April 10 12:15 p.m.

One vehicle was stopped on Maple Avenue. A second vehicle exited a parking lot area and was struck by the first vehicle on Maple Avenue as it began to move.

The driver of the second vehicle was charged with Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

100 Block Ayrhill Avenue near Lawyers Road, NW 11-05450 April 11 11:49 a.m.

A maintenance vehicle was stopped to begin closing down a roadway. A citizen's vehicle attempted to squeeze between the maintenance vehicle and another object and struck the maintenance vehicle's mirror.

200 Block Maple Avenue near Lawyers Road, NW 11-05483 April 12 7:45 a.m.

One vehicle was bearing left to enter a left turn holding lane on Maple Avenue. A second vehicle attempted to occupy the same location in the holding lane and the two collided.

Nutley Street at Courthouse Road, SW 11-05590 April 14 6:40 a.m.

A vehicle was turning left from eastbound Courthouse Road on to southbound Nutley Street.

As the vehicle was turning a second vehicle entered the intersection and proceeded southbound. This second vehicle struck the first vehicle while it was turning.

The driver of the turning vehicle was charged with Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

Nutley Street at Courthouse Road, SW 11-05592 April 14 6:53 a.m.

A police officer was stopped and conducting an investigation regarding a traffic crash (Case # 11-05590 above). An uninvolved citizen's vehicle was stopped behind the police cruiser.

As the vehicle which had stopped behind the police cruiser attempted to change lanes and proceed down Nutley Street, it was struck by a passing vehicle.

Park Street at Locust Street, SE 11-05622 April 14 7:15 p.m.

One vehicle was travelling northbound along Park Street. A second vehicle pulled out from westbound Locust Street and attempted to make a left turn on to southbound Park Street.

In doing so, the second vehicle struck the first causing it to travel over a road sign and strike a utility pole. The driver sustained minor injuries.

The driver of the vehicle that turned into the other vehicle was charged with Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

Maple Avenue at Park Street, SE 11-05652 April 15 9:02 a.m.

One vehicle was travelling along northbound Maple Avenue. A second vehicle turned left in front of the first vehicle from southbound Maple Avenue on to eastbound Park Street. The two vehicles collided.

The driver of the turning vehicle was charged with Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

Maple Avenue at Follin Lane, SE 11-05863 April 19 7:00 a.m.

Two in-line vehicles were stopped on Maple Avenue at Follin Lane. As traffic began inching forward, the driver in the rear vehicle failed to see that it had stopped.

The rearmost vehicle of the two struck the front vehicle.

The driver of the striking vehicle was charged with Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

Maple Avenue at Branch Road, SE 11-05887 April 19 10:30 a.m.

As one vehicle was attempting to turn left out of a parking lot area on to Maple Avenue, it struck a passing vehicle.

The driver of the striking vehicle was charged with Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

MEDIA RELEASES

United Bank in Vienna Robbed for the Second Time In a Little Over a Month

On April 16, 2011 at approximately 12:50 p.m. officers responded to a bank robbery at the United Bank located at 226 Maple Avenue, West in Vienna, Virginia. Upon their arrival officers determined that a lone perpetrator had exited the bank on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 6 feet 2 inches tall, 180 pounds, wearing a black mask with eye slits, dark colored blue jean pants, and a dark wool cap. The man entered the bank, produced a handgun, and demanded money from a teller. Nobody inside the bank was injured as a result of the robbery.

The Fairfax County Police Department's K-9 unit was requested and responded to aid in the tracking of the individual.

Anyone with information relating to this case is asked to call Detective Elias of the Vienna Police Department at 703-255- 6395.

Town of Vienna Police Remind Drivers: Don't "Block the Box" and Don't Cut Through Parking Areas

The Town of Vienna Police Department would like to remind drivers to never enter an intersection unless you are able to safely clear it. Commonly referred to as "blocking the box", (the box being the area between intersecting roadways), vehicles which are unable to proceed in other directions because another vehicle is blocking that shared intersection creates gridlock; and headaches for everyone.

Additionally, drivers are reminded that it is illegal to cut through a private property parking area to avoid a traffic control device. This situation is typically seen where traffic is stopped for a red signal and drivers want to make a right turn at an upcoming intersection. This is extremely hazardous and could injure patrons or other pedestrians walking to and from their vehicles or even result in crashes.

Both of these offenses are moving violations under Virginia law and a conviction can result in a fine with points being assessed to the driver's record.

The Town of Vienna Police Department will begin an aggressive enforcement wave relative to these two violations in the coming weeks.

OF INTEREST/ CASE UPDATES

None.

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Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.

Please call and report!

See or Hear Something? Say Something! - Dial 9-1-1

Please contact MPO Bill Murray for further information on any of these cases at wmurray@viennava.gov or 571- 251-0770.